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SUBJECT: CODEL BIAGGI

1. REP. MARIO BIAGGI (D-N.Y.), CHAIRMAN OF THE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON COAST GUARD AND NAVIGATION, HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON MERCHANT MARINE AND FISHERIES, PLANS TRAVEL TO ATHENS,
CYPRUS AND GENEVA DURING PERIOD MARCH 24-31. REP. BIAGGI
WILL BE ACCOMPANIED THROUGHOUT TRIP BY MR. ANTHONY
PETRETTI, A PERSONAL FRIEND. REP. BIAGGI HAS LARGE GREEK
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CONSTITUENCY AND IS THEREFORE INTERESTED IN THE CYPRUS
ISSUE. HE HAS BEEN INVITED BY GOVERNMENTS OF CYPRUS AND
GREECE TO VISIT BOTH COUNTRIES. REP. BIAGGI'S VISIT TO
GENEVA WILL BE IN CONNECTION WITH HIS INTEREST IN THE LAW
OF THE SEA CONFERENCE. FLIGHT ITINERARY FOLLOWS:

MARCH 23 - LV NEW YORK 1900 TWA-880 AR ATHENS 1130 MARCH 24

MARCH 24 - LV ATHENS AR CYPRUS

MARCH 27 - LV CYPRUS AR ATHENS

MARCH 29 - LV ATHENS 0935 OA-131 AR GENEVA 1115

MARCH 31 - LV GENEVA 1325 TWA-831 AR NEW YORK 1610

2. FOR ATHENS/NICOSIA: HOST GOVERNMENTS HANDLING ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR PROGRAM IN BOTH CYPRUS AND GREECE, INCLUDING HOTEL RESERVATIONS (PROGRAM DETAILS AND NAMES OF HOTELS NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME). GOVT. OF CYPRUS OFFICIALS WILL MEET AT ATHENS AIRPORT UPON ARRIVAL MARCH 24 AND ARRANGE TO FLY TO AND FROM CYPRUS ON MARCH 24 AND 27 (EXACT FLIGHT INFORMATION NOT KNOWN). REP. BIAGGI HAS REQUESTED THAT SOMEONE FROM EMBASSY ATHENS MEET HIM AT AIRPORT UPON ARRIVAL MARCH 24 IN CASE HE MAY NEED ASSISTANCE. IF SCHEDULES BEING SET UP BY HOST GOVERNMENTS PERMIT, REP. BIAGGI WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD AND AMBASSADOR MCCLOSKEY SOMETIME DURING VISIT. DEPARTMENT HOPES TO HAVE MORE DETAILS OF TRIP FROM REP. BIAGGI'S OFFICE PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE AND WILL CABLE INFO TO POSTS AS SOON AS RECEIVED. REP. BIAGGI IS NOT RPT NOT AUTHORIZED PER DIEM AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FOR HIS TRAVEL TO CYPRUS AND GREECE.
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3. FOR GENEVA: PLEASE RESERVE TWO SINGLE RESERVATIONS FOR REP. BIAGGI AND MR. PETRETTI FOR MARCH 29 AND 30 AT CONVENIENTLY LOCATED HOTEL AND CONFIRM.

4. FOR GENEVA: AUTHORIZATION FOR REP. MARIO BIAGGI: PROVISIONS OF CA-10315 DTD 10/16/72 APPLY. USE OF TREASURY ACCOUNT 20A1510 OR LOCAL CURRENCIES 19FT510 ACCOUNT WHERE AVAILABLE UP TO EQUIVALENT US DOLS 75 PER DAY PLUS ACTUAL TRANSPORTATION COSTS AUTHORIZED PER STATE 123593 DTD 5/27/77. APPOINT CONTROL OFFICER, MEET, ASSIST, PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION. HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MERCHANT MARINE AND FISHERIES. VANCE

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